117. There were 97 touring talkies in the State and 9 touring talkies of Bellary District were added on.

118. The Bangalore City Police booked 26 cases under the Cow Slaughter Act. Cow Slaughter Act.

(iv) Criminal Justice

119. The jurisdiction of the High Court of Mysore was extended to the State of Coorg with effect from 1st April 1953 by virtue of the Mysore High Court (Extension of Jurisdiction to Coorg) Act, 1952. Under that Act, the High Court at Madras which had jurisdiction to entertain, or dispose of any proceeding in relation to Coorg, ceased to exercise such jurisdiction from the said date.

120. There was an increase in the institution of Criminal Appeals during the year, *viz.*, 104 against 96 in the previous year. Eighteen appeals were preferred by the Government against the orders of acquittal as against *nil* in the previous year. Institutions.

121. There were for disposal 151 appeals involving 327 persons including 47 appeals concerning 95 persons from the previous year. Of these, 86 appeals involving 153 persons were disposed of leaving 65 appeals involving 174 persons, against 47 appeals involving 95 persons pending at the end of the year. In 53 appeals involving 82 persons the convictions and sentences were confirmed, in 19 involving 53 persons the sentences were reduced or altered, in 12 concerning 16 persons the sentences were reversed and in 2 appeals involving 2 persons new trial or further enquiry was ordered. Disposal.

122. Out of the 20 appeals preferred by the Government against the orders of acquittal, 8 were disposed of leaving 12 at the end of the year. Of the 8 appeals disposed of, in 6 cases the orders of the lower courts were upheld and in the remaining 2, new trial or further enquiry was ordered. The number of appeals left pending at the end of the year was 65 involving 174 persons, as against 47 involving 95 persons at the end of the previous year.

123. The average duration of appeals disposed of was 230·25 days, as against 179·2 days in the previous year. Duration.

PROTECTION

Reference under Section 374, Cr.P. C.

124. Six cases involving 6 persons were referred to the High Court under the provision of law during the year. In one case involving one person the reference was rejected and the accused was acquitted. In 3 cases involving 3 persons, the convictions were confirmed but the sentences of death were altered to transportation for life. Two references under the provision of law involving 2 persons were left pending at the end of the year.

Miscellaneous Appeals.

125. No Miscellaneous appeal was pending at the end of the previous year and no such appeal was received during the year.

Revision.

126. The number of copies of judgments and orders of the lower courts received in the High Court during the year was 1,106 against 911 in the previous year.

127. The number of cases referred to the High Court by the Sessions Judges and District Magistrates or taken by the High Court *suo motu* in revision was 26 involving 36 persons including 9 cases involving 14 persons pending from the previous year. Twenty-five cases involving 35 persons were disposed of leaving one case involving one person pending at the end of the year.

Revision Petitions.

128. Seventy-two petitions involving 180 persons were pending at the beginning of the year. The number received during the year was 332 involving 705 persons. Three hundred and forty-nine petitions involving 792 persons were disposed of leaving 55 petitions involving 93 persons pending at the end of the year as against 72 petitions involving 180 persons pending at the end of the previous year.

Magistrates' Courts.

129. Including the persons awaiting trial at the close of the previous year, the number of persons brought to trial in the Magistrates' Courts was 1,33,004 (excluding 593 persons for trial before the Courts of Sessions) during the year as against 1,35,412 in the previous year. Of the persons brought to trial, the cases in respect of 1,16,711 (1,18,117) were disposed of. The total number of persons convicted was 82,029 and of persons acquitted or discharged was 28,639.

Offences punishable under special and local laws.

130. The number of persons brought to trial was 85,245 or 63·9 per cent of the total number of persons brought to trial, as against 89,606 or 65·8 per cent in the previous year. The cases against 81,351 persons were

disposed of, of whom 71,597 (73,440) or 88·1 per cent were convicted.

Stipendiary Magistrates' Courts.

131. The Stipendiary Magistrates other than the District Magistrates had to deal with 96,916 cases involving 1,32,987 persons. Ninety thousand two hundred and fourteen cases involving 1,16,694 persons were disposed of, leaving at the end of the year 6,702 cases involving 16,293 persons. The total number of cases and persons awaiting trial at the end of the year was 6,702 and 16,293, respectively.

132. In the Courts of the District Magistrates, the average duration of cases disposed of was 27·2 days as against 26·7 days in the previous year. In the courts of the other Stipendiary Magistrates it was 33·8 days as against 35·8 days in the previons year.

Juvenile Offenders.

133. The number of juvenile offenders brought before Magistrates' Courts was 1,309 as against 1,166 in the previous year. The number of juvenile offenders convicted was 1,229 as against 1,097 in the previons year.

Sessions work.

134. The number of Sessions Cases pending at the beginning of the year was 45 involving 180 persons. One hundred and sixty-eight cases involving 413 persons were received during the year as against 189 cases involving 531 persons in the previous year. One hundred and seventy-three cases involving 459 persons as against 179 cases involving 436 persons were disposed of, leaving 40 cases involving 134 persons as against 45 cases involving 180 persons pending at the end of the previous year.

Punishments.

135. Six persons were sentenced to death by the Sessions Judges during the year. Thirty-five persons as against 69 in the previous year were sentenced to transportation for life. Of the 6,556 (5,718) persons sentenced to undergo imprisonment, 5,851 (4,921) were sentenced to imprisonment for six months and under and the remaining 705 (797) for longer periods.

136. The number of persons fined was 75,534 (85,500). The total amount of fines imposed and realised was Rs. 6,41,167-9-0 and Rs. 5,11,458-8-3, respectively. The amount of compensation paid was Rs. 3,140 as against Rs. 3,880-12-0 in the previous year.